Wm Hinton, furniture etc	155 01
F B Wilkinson, cab hire and postage	6 87
Plastow Bros, gas fittings and repairs	101 20
Tytler & Bulen, groceries	161 73
C McCallum, drugs	53 51
W Y Brunton, drygoods	40 86
J Ranahan, bread	43 50
A D Cameron, coal	131 95
Thomas Churcher, soap	39 00
S Stewart, stoves	197 91
George Slade, plastering	16 50
Bell Telephone Company	22 50
J C Dodd & Sons, carpentering	82 27
Pay sheet	152 00
Total	$1465 55

2. Quarterly and annual statement of expenditures ending Dec. 31; also the medical report for the same periods

3. Your committee respectfully recommend to their successors the advisability of heating the hospital with steam, as the present system has proved very expensive during the past year.

4. That the following accounts be paid :

John Bonser, market scales	$15 50
Wm Scott, balance	25 00
John Sussex, rake	3 00
J Turner, repairs	7 75
Geo Slade, plastering	40 00
Total	$91 25

5. The account of H. Douglas for balance of contract, amounting to $135 for street watering, was referred to the City Solicitor and Engineer, as several property holders on Dundas street, east of Waterloo, complain that Mr. Douglas did not fulfil his contract

6. That the following Fire Department accounts be paid :

H C Green, lumber	$ 30
Essex, Dunn & Co	50
Bell Telephone Company	60 00
A Anderson, fire alarm box	50
Loughrey & Tackaberry, brushes	11 25
James Wright & Co, sundries	5 96
James H Tennant, horse drugs	7 50
Wonacott & Oppinger, horseshoeing	99 73
Mrs Hayes, washing	33 00
S McBride, coal oil, etc	7 49
James Percival, fodder	25 61
Fitzgerald & Scandrett, matches	3 59
A D Cameron, coal	18 77
W T Strong, drugs	6 08
E A Taylor, stationery	1 75
George McNeil, wood	6 50
Total	$290 53

7. Your committee beg to submit the tenth annual report of the Fire Department, and would recommend that it be sent to No. 3 Committee of the new Council, so that the several suggestions and requirements mentioned may be acted upon.

To the Chairman and Members of No. 3 Committee—

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the Tenth Annual Report of the Fire Department, containing a "resume" of the work performed, and the expenditure in connection therewith, for the year ending the Thirty-first of December, 1883.

EXPENDITURE.

Fodder Account	$ 382 05
General Expense Account	323 87
Fire Alarm "	126 94
Fuel and Gas "	423 43
Capital "	498 75
Salaries "	6176 79
Total	$7956 83

The item of Capital Account includes new telegraph poles, wire, bells and gongs, magnets, new battery, permanent repairs to buildings, playpipes, rubber buckets, new uniforms and bedding. Deducting this item from the total amount leaves the sum of $7,463.08, which is the amount of the general running expenses of the Department for the year.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

The total number of fires and alarms of which the Department received notice, was seventy-eight (78); twenty (20) were for chimneys, and eight (8) were false alarms. We responded to fifty-nine, (59) and worked at forty-one (41). The distance travelled by the apparatus, going to and returning from these fifty-nine alarms, was seventy-seven (77) miles, and 17,650 feet of hose were laid and used.

The amount of insurance involved was $275,125, viz.: $72,000 on buildings, and $203.125 on the contents.

The losses amounted to $23,301, viz.:—$4,903 on buildings, and $18,398 on contents, being at the rate of about twelve per cent. of loss to the amount of insurance involved.

We also attended two (2) fires in London East, and two (2) in London West, travelling some ten miles, and using 1.700 feet of hose. Insurance, about $17,000; Loss, about the same.

This City, during the past year, has been remarkably free from any serious or disastrous fires, although the number of alarms has been about an average. In only three instances have the losses exceeded one thousand dollars per fire. We have special reasons for congratulating ourselves on escaping so lightly, in view of the fact that the aggregate fire losses in the United States and Canada for 1883 will be the heaviest known for many years, probably exceeding one hundred million dollars.

I am happy in being able to state that the conduct of the members of the Department has been extremely satisfactory. I have found them on all occasions prompt in responding to alarms, and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT, &c.

There has been two withdrawals from the Department and two appointments thereto, all of which have been duly reported and confirmed by your honorable body.

The Horses Stalls have been enlarged thereby giving the horses more room to walk around, lay down, or roll around, if they see fit, and a large amount of miscellaneous work has been done by the permanent men, without any cost to the city except for material used.

HORSES AND APPARATUS.

The horses are all in good working order. I would recommend the sale of the black team as soon as possible, as they are altogether too light for the work they have to do. The two hose reels and their equipments are in very fair condition.

The Hook and Ladder Truck, as stated in my last report, cannot be depended on, and may break down any time on the road to a fire. In addition to its unreliability, it is altogether inadequte to the requirements of this city. I would recommend that the proceeds of the sale of the steam engine "Forest City" be applied towards the purchase of a new truck. The supply waggon is also in a very bad condition, and cannot be depended on to carry a load. A new waggon will be required this coming year.

We have 3,350 feet of hose in stock, of the following grades, viz.:—1,300 feet of first-class rubber, and 300 feet first-class cotton hose, 1,100 feet second-class rubber, and 150 feet second-class cotton hose. The remaining 600 feet is only fit for flushing sewers, etc. We will require 1,000 feet of new hose this coming year. We also need two more playpipes and nozzles, to replace the two brass pipes sold with the steam engine.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

This important branch of the Fire Service, under the efficient and careful management of the electrician, has given the utmost satisfaction, and the expenses have been kept down to the lowest possible limits. A considerable portion of the line will have to be rebuilt the coming year, and higher poles erected, to keep the wires out of the trees.

Nearly all the callmen have small gongs in their houses, which have been put in at their own expense. They receive the alarm at the same time as the men in the station, and are thereby enabled to reach the scene of the fire much quicker than if they were aroused by the bell. Fifty-four alarms have been sent in from the different street boxes, and six alarms were received by telephone, during the year. The electrician makes the following requsition for supplies for 1884, viz.:—700 lbs. galvanized iron wire, 10 lbs. rubber and cotton covered wire, 500 lbs. sulphate of copper, 15 lbs. sulphuric acid and sal. ammoniac, 15 pair of prisms, 5 cells Leclanch batteries, 25 zincs, 1 Rheostat and Galvanometer, at an estimated cost of $220.

I would again most respectfully call your attention to the great inconvenience in having the bell in its present position. It should be either removed to the Fire Station or raised higher, and an automatic striker attached. As it is at present you cannot depend on having the numbers properly struck. This is a great annoyance to citizens who wish to know the exact locality of a fire when an alarm is given.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would once more strongly urge the erection of additional hydrants in the vicinity of large manufacturing establishments, and in the centres of blocks in the business portions of the city. One hydrant will cost much less than fifty feet of hose originally, and will last ten times as long. So that, apart from the saving of time effected in laying long lines of hose, there is also a great saving of money.

The heavy coats supplied to the firemen by the city some five or six years ago, are completely worn out. I would recommend that new rubber coats and boots be procured as soon as possible. These articles are supplied to their Departments by other cities, and I see no reason why this city should not do likewise.

BUILDINGS, ETC.

The Buildings are in a tolerably good state of repair. The Stables and one-half of the Main Building have been reshingled. The other half will require shingling as soon as the weather will permit. The front wall of the Main Building has bulged out in consequence of the foundation in one corner settling I have had it braced up with bolts and plates, but I do not consider it safe. It may have to be pulled down and rebuilt.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to express my thanks both to the Committee and Council of 1883, for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended both to myself and members of the Department, and also to express the wish that the relations of the Department and the incoming Committee and Council may be equally pleasant and agreeable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. ROE,
Chief of Dept.

London, Ont., Jan. 9, 1884.

8. Beg to submit annual report of licenses collected and at the same time bear testimony to the efficient manner in which Inspector Bell has performed his duties as License Officer.

To the Chairman and members of No. 3 Committee;

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit the following Report for your consideration, the amount of cash received for the following licenses since 1st January, 1883 :

Billiards	$991 61
Livery	256 25
Drays	378 00
Hacks	125 50
Temperance	220 00
Opera	80 00
Street Railway	60 00
Hawkers	118 00
Buss	10 00
Bowling Alley	25 00
Auctioneers	190 00
Circus and Shows	140 00
Intelligence	3 00
	$2597 36
Increase over 1882 of	$326 56

W. BELL,
Inspector.

London, January 8th, 1884.

9. Annual report of J. M. Wilson, Market Clerk.

London, January 8th, 1884.

To the Chairman and members of No. 3 Committee :

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to submit my report as follows :

1st. Since last report I have collected and paid to the Treasurer $259.75.

2nd. Between the 1st January and the 31st of December, 1883, the amount collected for rent of Stalls for that year was $2578.79, with $220.50 arrears from 1882, making a total of $2799.27, and on the 31st of December, 1883, there was arrears to the amount of $222.75.

3rd. All of the Stalls in the Market Bazaar and the basement of Covent Garden Market are rented, one Stall in the Fish Market and four in Covent Garden Market are empty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. WILSON,
Market Clerk.

General Hospital, Jan. 9th, 1884.

To the Chairman and members of No. 3 Committee—

Gentlemen,—I beg to present my reports, Medical and Financial, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1883, also for the year (1883) eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Yours respectfully,
F. B. WILKINSON,
Superintendent

MEDICAL STATEMENT

For the quarter ending December 31st, 1883.

Remaining in Hospital October 1st	42
" " December 31st	48
Admissions :	
Medical	51
Surgical	24
Confinements	3
Births	6
	84
Discharges :	
Cured	50
Improved	21
Died	5
	76
Outpatients	37

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

	Dr. Niven.	Dr. Arnott.	Dr. Wishart.
October	9	17	20
November	10	18	19
December	9	17	17
	28	52	56